Everybody There Ate Them Before Director Smith Discovered the Effect of Hydrocarbons in Determining the Sex -The Shakespeare Club Is Now Kicking

When the peanut party became popular in Flatbush society last summer and fall, Director Smith of the Central Park Zoo had not yet made his revolutionary discovery as to the effect of hydrocarbons in determining sex. Else it might have been

Although there is a difference of opinion en this point of history, it is the general opinion that the Mothers' Club appropriately started it. Last year, along in June, just when Flatbush society was getting active with its summer campaign, the Mothers gave peanut shells. The Japanese paper nap-kins had a peanut design. There were peanut waffles and peanuts glace, peanut conbons and peanut butter sandwiches. It was one of the most brilliant social functions ever held in Flatbush, and netted \$23.79 for the purposes of the Mothers'

You just can't stop a thing of that kind when it gets to going. The idea was so nifty and novel that it supplanted crokinole and progressive authors and mum socials as a form of diversion for church and educational functions. It lasted away into the | "Gute Nacht, mein Grossbube. Du sollst

The Epworth League's peanut party for even the autumn croquet championships. diers. The pièce de resistance on their bill of fare was peanut fudge; a popular elocutionist recited "Uncle Rastus and the Peanuts" and gave a shrickingly amusing imperconstion of an Italian peanut man; the members of the club were seen in a very pretty and instructive series of tableaux, its planting to its sale from a pushcart.

Next the Shakespeare Club gave a peanut afternoon, with papers on the growth and cultivation of peanuts. There was a debate on the question, "Are peanuts indigestible?" The brides' cooking class devoted two weeks to the study of peanut

The public mind was on the subject and the consumption of peanuts grew apace. The number of pushcart men handling the prize product of Georgia doubled and trebled. Children cried for them. Housewives served peanut desserts at luncheon and dinner. The autumn and spring stoop parties on the front porches of Flatbush gossiped and sparked over sacks of pealooked like Coney Island after a hard Sun-

Director Smith had not yet spoken: Flatgreat, but as yet unrevealed, scientific

Well, spring broke, and the population of Flathush went right on moreasing. Yet as early as March doctors, clergymen, neighborhood gossips and others who notice such things began to mark a strange fact. They were all boys. In one week of early March five citizens

of Flatbush, popular in church and women's club circles, paced their parlor floors and wring their hands; and to them appeared five nurses who said: Doing nicely, sir, and it's a fine little

About the same thing happened along further Flatisush avogue. In two or three days the doctors took to stopping their barouches as they passed one another, and talking across the wheels in low, excited

tones.
"Certainly heats "all!" they would say hefore they drove on. March 4 came; it was the day of President Roosevelt's inauguration, and the doctors and gossips and people who re-lieved in signs said that Flatbush ought to make a boy record for itself that day. By a perverse stroke of fate, only two habies were reported to the gossips on that day—both girls. They were named Theodora. And everybody said that it was just an accident about those boys; things happen

that way sometimes Next day the score jumped back and since then it has seemed to rain boys in Flatbush. Hod carrier and merchant since then it has seemed to rain boys in Flatbush. Hod carrier and merchant prince, bartender and clergyman, Judge and cop—it was all boys for theirs. Now and then, a little girl came by way of variety. In every single case it was found that the parents of the girl babies, crop of the spring of 1905, were recluses from church and women's club society. Even before the great discovery of Director Smith, the district gossips noticed that fact and commented on it.

Then, on May day, Director Smith announced through The Sun his discovery.

nounced through THE SUN his discovery. The Central Park zoo had been scoring only male calves and fawns and especially baby monkeys. And Director Smith found that it was due to a diet of hydrocarbons, which the same are peanuts. A waye of self-revelation swept over Flatbush. In certain houses there came a frantic call for peanuts: from before certain others, Italian hot result men were driven with l'alian hot peanut men were driven with

italian hot peanut men were driven with clubs and reproaches.

Alderman John Hann, who represents Flatbush in the City Council, was wiping off the rubber plant on his stoop in Park place last Monday evening when he was told that a delegation of ladies wanted to see him. He showed them into his study and turned up the student lamp. He recognized the president of the Shakespeare Club, and members of the executive councils. and members of the executive councils of the Mothers' Club. and the Brides' Cooking Class. together with prominent

"It's about the boy babies we've come," said the president of the Shakespeare Club,

The president of the Shakespeare Club cut in abruptly:

"It is not a question of personal gratification, Mr. Hann. It is a question of principle"—all the other delegates nodded at this—"is our sex to be extinguished in Flatbush? Are we, after creating an atmosphere of femining refinement and culture, is better it destroyed in the not a continuous control of the co

to have it destroyed in the next generation because there are none but alien women for our sons to marry?

our sons to marry?"

"Besides, girl babies are so cute," said the delegate from the Brides' Cooking Class.

The president of the Shakespeare Club crushed her with one look.

"And so," she went on, "our clubs have met and made up a law, which we want you to get passed at the very next meeting of the Aldermen. Our legal committee has drawn it up. I am certain that its form is perfect."

Alderman Hann took the document which the thrust into his hands.

It was headed:

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"An ordinance prohibiting the sale, purchase or gift of peanuts, goobers or any products of the said peanuts or goobers in that section of the Borough of Brooklyn commonly known as Flatbush."

New Y. M. C. A. Building in Brooklyn.

The corneratone of the Bedford branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Monroe street and Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, will be laid this afternoon. Edward P. Lyon, president of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., will lay the stone and several clergymen will make addresses. The building when completed will be the largest of its kind in Brooklyn. It will contain swimning pools, a gymnaeium and bowling alleys. NEW BOOKS. Our Troubles.

It must be admitted that the anonymous story of "Sturmsee: Man and Man" (The Macmillan Company) opens with a scene of action. Here we have Dr. Sturmsee on board a steamship saving Joe Bellin, a stoker, who was about to jump into the sea Joe stood no chance. The doctor caught him and resolutely preserved him alive. "At last the man was quiet, lying on the deck, with Dr. Carl Sturmsee sitting on him and holding down his hands." The man had fought desperately. "Nobody had consciousness. "His life had been saved ever fought long in Carl Sturmsee's grip. by the fact that he threw up his right hand however, and this man was not strong This is the beginning of a 700 page book

full of sociology. The second chapter takes us to Germany. We have a Schloss, and Kammermusikers, and Gasts, and Hoheits, and Durchlauchts. We are made to be about very much as usual the next acquainted here with the Prince of Edelstein, a comparatively openminded man, a peanut lawn party. Peanut ice cream and with the Princess, his American wife. was served in papier maché imitations of Dr. Sturmsee is here. The second chapter is antecedent to the first, and Dr. Carl has not yet sailed. There is reason to doubt and also reason to believe that the doctor is going to marry the daughter of the house of Edelstein. There is conversation. The doctor says "Lieber Gott!" and "Meine Prinzessin" and "Gnädige, Frau Prin-zessin" and "Aber, lieber Gott!" and the Princess speaks of her "geliebter Herr Prinz," and asks if the "geehrte Herr Doktor" is going to America. But the Prince Fritz does best in this chapter, according to our thinking. He says to Dr. Carl: einer von unsern Grenadieren sein." This we venture to translate as "Good night. the missionary fund eclipsed in interest my buster. You shall be one of our grena-

The remark of Prince Fritz was friendly, but not prophetic. The doctor came to America and became Governor of a Western State. The third chapter of the book is entitled "Problems." The fourth chapter is entitled "More Problems." We do not find that the problems cease with the fourth chapter. representing the course of a peanut from At the tenth chapter we come to a symposium held in a "Settlement" in Delancey street. The doctor is here introduced to Mr. Eoggs. Boggs read a paper, which is duly reported. A discussion followed. This is also reported. Another symposium is reported in the twelfth chapter, which runs from page 113 to page 136.

The sixteenth chapter is headed "Facilis. We cannot testify that we found it so. The seventeenth is headed "Decensus." Here the brakes were put on. The eighteenth chapter is headed "A Pause on the Brink." and the nineteenth "A Diversion." At the twentieth chapter we slide the rest of the way. "Averno" is the title.

Running from page 233 to page 241 we find the complete platform, constructed nuts, until the sidewalks in the morning by himself, on which Dr. Sturmsee stood when he was up for Governor. We were never more surprised than we were, after struggling with the platform, to find that lush was impregnating its system with he was elected. Our idea is that he was hydrocartonates in utter ignorance of a Governor of Kansas in an arid and unproductive season, though we do not pretend to be sure of this.

Though Boggs occurred in the early part of the book, we had not forgotten him when we came to the forty-fifth chapter, which is entitled "The Triumph of Boggs." The forty-sixth chapter bears Hour," but it strikes us that this is an undue limitation of time, and that it flies somewhat impudently in the face of facts.

Of the chapters called "Organization" and "Agitation" and "Law and Order, we forbear to speak. At page 658 we come to a chapter entitled "Where Hope Lies." We do not hesitate to pronounce this an apt title, for there is only one more chapter

Along With the Great Alexander.

The reader will follow with eager interest in Robert H. Fuller's story of "The Golden Hope" (The Macmillan Company). The title here is hardly an assurance of the vigorous contents of the book. Golden is no longer the effective adjective that it doubtless was once upon a time. Nearly everybody who makes it his business to discriminate would say vellow hair instead of golden hair nowadays. Of course yellow hair would not do, but there are other words. At any rate a considerable measure of strength has gone out of "golden."

As we make out the golden hope here was the hope entertained by young Clearchus of Athens after his visit to the oracle at Delphi. The oracle told him to seek for his abducted sweetheart in the track of the whirlwind. This might have been vague. It was simplified by spelling whirlwind with a capital initial and making it stand for Alexander the Great. Clearchus and his two comrades, Chares of Theces and Leonidas of Sparts, followed Alexander the Whirlwind on his Asiatic enterprise.

There are great doings in this tale. It is crowded with them indeed. We have it is a statement of facts, with clear ex-Demosthenes in the fourth chapter stirring | planations of why they are. up the Athenians to opposition to Alexander. That great orator was hardly aware of his limitations at that time. Ariston, the rascally uncle of Clearchus, made a plot, as the habit was with too many of the ancient Greeks. Syphax the pirate carried off Artemisia, sweetheart of Clearchus. In consequence of this the fortune of Clearchus was left to the devious manipulation of his uncle. Even to these times the word "uncle" has maintained a dark

significance. We read of the overthrow of Thebes in the ninth chapter. In the chapter followwho acted as spokesman.

"Oh. yes! The little bov babies! Well,
I'm sure the raothers of Flatbush must be
glad to have so many fine sons," said the
Alderman, taking the wrong tack.

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the distinguished English neet John ing we find one of our heroes, the gigantic Theban Chares, purchasing with all his Davenport Whelpiey has compiled with by the distinguished English poet, John Dryden, Chares was a huge, handsome, unconcerned person. In the eleventh chapter we read that he sat in the house Thais in Athens idly watching the lithe motions of the tame leopard belonging to Thais as that animal worried an ivory ball. Thais lay on a couch of sandalwood. Contemplating the Theban with half closed eyes, she asked: "What are you going to do with me?" He had no satisfactory reply He had bought her in kindness and for a whim. If he had not bought her she would have gone to the noble Phradates of Tyre. a young man who was beginning to be Chares loved war and sleep. decadent. Possibly Thais would not have thought se much of him if he had been less splendidly

indifferent. Our three comrades went ahead to spy upon the Persian army. They all but came to their end in a great swamp of reeds, where the Persians were pursuing them. Fortunately the wind blew strong in their faces. They set fire to the reeds, and the pursuers were consumed. Chares and Phradates met at the battle of the Granicus. "I have, thee, dog!" Phradates screamed as he bore down on the Theban, who was already engaged with several enemies. It will interest the reader to learn from the story just how it came about that the noble Phradates was mistaken on

that strenuous occasion.

Halicarnaesus. They thought the time of the hands of the enemy. The one satisfactory incident here was the smiting of Phradates by Chares. Chares, who had remained in the angle of shadow, sprang forward with a cry of rage. He reached Phradates before the soldiers could stop him and dealt the Tyrian a blow that sent him down in a heap ten yards away. It is a good deal of a knock that will propel a man thirty feet. They had to call a physician for Phradates. It required scientific treatment to bring him back to to protect himself from Chares's terrible blow. The bones of his wrist had been broken and splintered so hadly that the physician doubted whether he would ever be able to use his hand again." It speaks for his powers of recovery that he was able

morning. There is a fine chapter about Alexander at that point in his career where he cut the Gordian knot. 'Mounted on Bucephalus, he rode slowly along the ranks of his army, splendid in his armor, his double plume of white brushing his shoulders on either side, just as he had done before the charge at the Granicus. The chief priest read to him the conditions concerning the knot by which the cart of King Gordius had been made fast to the porphyry column in the temple. Alexander regarded the knot. He saw that King Gordius had left no ends. His strong common sense assisted him. It must be that he asked himself what was the use trying to save the rope. He whipped out his sword and cut the knot. The chief priest hailed him lord of Asia The army acclaimed him with joyous cries Halicarnassus had already fallen. Issus was to follow, and the fall of Tyre.

Two of our companions, Clearchus, the Athenian, and the gigantic Chares of Thebes. were taken captive at Halicarnassus and sent as prisoners to Babylon. Men of ample experience that they were, they still gazed with wonder at the mighty walls of the city by the Euphrates. They had occasion a little later to escape over those walls. They were to have been put to the torture. According to the merry jailer who had them in charge, they were to have been smeared with honey and left to be devoured slowly by the flies and ants. Nathan, the Israelite, helped them to escape. Chares throttled the merry jailer. The Theban and Nathan let themselves down she wall by a rope, but Clearchus divested himself of his chiton and his sandals and dived from the top of the wall into the Euphrates. He was taken for a god by those who saw his white form flash through the darkness. They would have thought the same thing of Steve Brodie.

Down from the Phrygian plateau, through a land that glowed with a touch of autumn, marched the Macedonian host, with Alexander at its head." Darius, in our present day phrase, was about to receive what was coming to him. There is an admirable account here of the battle of Isaus. Chares spoke of "hot work" in the course of the action, and his words were not extravagant. We behold the great King Darius descending in haste at last from his "golden chariot with its four white steeds, whose jeweled bridles were held by slaves," and escaping on the back of a fleet chestnut mare. It makes one think the heading. "Two Bad Quarters of an of the Equitable assets to read what this mighty Persian left behind.

The story carries us to Tyre, where the iron god Moloch, full of hot coals, is knocked over by a stone cast from a Macedonian ballista just as he is about to take the heroine in his dreadful embrace. An eventful, stirring, well told tale. We recommend it.

Real Light on China.

It is no light reading that Mr. T. R. Jernigan offers in "China in Law and Commerce" (Macmillans), but the reader who will take the pains to master the book will learn more about China than he can from anything that has come to our notice. In the first place the author does not look upon the Chinese as ethnographical curiosities or as people who must be reformed or changed. He looks on them objectively. as people who must be dealt with according to the facts. He knows a great deal about China, and he tells what he knows in a way that will be helpful to every one who intends to deal in any way with the country or the people. He has written a really valuable

After introductory chapters describing the physical geography and the government of the country. Mr. Jernigan gives us an exposition of Chinese law. It is a condensation rather than a digest, and will astonish Western readers prohably by the revelation that in many essentials a Chinaman's ideas of justice are the same as ours. This is followed by an enlightening account of Chinese business organizations and business methods and by descriptions of means of communication by land and water. There is no criticism in all this;

The book is packed with concise important and practical information. We have rarely come across one that could instruct better in the ways of a strange civilization those who are willing to learn.

Immigration.

It is not the United States alone that has to deal with the problems that have arisen of late years out of increase in immigration. England is perplexed over the numbers an the quality of the newcomers, and so in a less degree are France and Germany, while all the European countries are troubled by emigration of their people. Mr. James great labor a book that must be consulted in any rational discussion of the subject, "The Problem of the Immigrant" (E. P. Dutton & Co.).

The title disguises somewhat the character of the book. While the first two chapters, reprints of review articles, discuss the general subject, the bulk of the book consists of statements of conditions in each country and of a summary of the legislation in (a)h in the matter of immigration. The United States, naturally, has the chief share of the author's attention, but the chief countries of Europe are duly noticed.

From an American point of view it might be wished that Italy had been treated as fully as other lands. As it is Mr. Whelplev's volume contains much information which it will be difficult to find elsewhere.

Other Books.

Sleeping on their steep hilltops the picturesque towns of Tuscany and Umbria seem to the sightseers and artists who visit them never to have been alive, and Perugia is perhaps as dead as any of them. Her narrow streets, however, have had their reces. They set fire to the reeds, and the pursuers were consumed. Chares and pursuers were consumed. Chares and pursuers the at the battle of the Granicus. "I have, thee, dog!" Phradates segret is shown in "Chronicles of the City of Perugia, 1492-1503," by Francesco Matrazzo, which Mr. Edward Strachan Morgan has translated. (J. M. Dent & Co.; E. P. Dutton & Co.) It is strange to think that the noble Phradates was mistaken on that the redection of the company of the company of the company of the company. New York.)

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each other's throats for the edification of had come to get Artemisia and Thais out | Perugia. It will do good to confirmed of the hands of the enemy. The one satisthis plain ch onicle; they will find more gore spilled and more compressed villainy than their favorite authors can dilute in a dozen volumes

A very delightful volume that is much more than a botanical handbook will be found in "Our Native Orchide." by William Hamilton Gibson and Helena Leeming Jelliffe (Doubleday, Page & Co.). It is a labor of piety on one author's part, but it is impossible to say how much belongs to one and how much to the other. Mr. Gibson before his death had written a magazine article on orchids, had completed a hundred charming drawings, which are repro-duced here, and had collected notes for the description of the various species These have been worked up and put into shape by Miss Jelliffe, who adds a good deal of her own, for these are no formal botanical analyses, but pleasant, intelligible accounts of the plants, whose familiar name is always The range of these orchids is from North Carolina to Canada and west to the

Another lively story of true adventure, "The Journey of Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca." is published in the "Trail Makers Series" (A. S. Barnes & Co.), translated by Fanny Bandelier, with an introduction by Adolf F. Bandelier. Though the geography of the narrative continues to be a puzzle for Americanists, the incredible hardships and strange adventures of the unfortunate travelers are always interesting. This is the third time that the story has been translated into English.

Gorgeous in beautiful print and illustrations from photographs is the volume on "Po'o Past and Present," by T. F. Dale in the "Country Life" series of sporting books (George Newnes; Charles Scribner's Sons). It is a purely British product, describing the game and rules as played in England and India. with a very short historical sketch. America is touched upon very cursorily Much in the book, however, is necessarily general and will prove of use and entertain ment to American devotees of the sport.

Once more the Bible is triturated for the benefit of students in "Israel's Historical and Biographical Narratives," by Prof. Charles Foster Kent of Yale (Charles Scribner's Sons.) The Bible accounts are pre sented in the revised version and attributed to the various sources about which the newer criticism has agreed. Where more than one account has been handed down parallel columns are used. The period cov ered is from Samuel through the Maccabees

In view of the deluge of verse poured out in thin little volumes, the appearance of further aids to versification may be regretted. Mr Andrew Loring has compiled 'The Rhymers' Lexicon," which is much like other riming dictionaries, and for which Prof. George Saintsbury provides a perfunctory and very unsatisfactory introduction (George Routledge & Sons; E. P Dutton & Co.). Mr. Loring's part of the work might be more helpful if his ideas of accent and of the pronunciation of key vowels were not so eccentric. Many of the words he uses, too, are pure dictionary curiosities which may easily prove fatal to would-be poetasters. It seems to be a machine made book, on which intelligence has been used very sparingly.

It seems queer to start with the cell and metazoa in an account of "The American Family" (The University Publishing Society, New York), as Mr. Frank N. Hagar does, especially as it is "a sociological problem." The author seems to have tried to put his reading on the subject of marriage and the family in methodical shape for his own satisfaction. There is much strange blending of metaphor with facts, but the author apparently agrees with the conclusions of President Roosevelt as to the desirability of children.

In "The Real World," now republished in Macmillan's paper cover series. Mr Rotert Herrick has written a thoroughly workmanlike book. His hero may somewhat of a prig. which is the fate of most heroes of fiction, but he has dissected one young woman very well. We are pained at the doings of the select set of Boston, but tales as unpleasant as those Mr. Herrick tells have been borne abroad by gossip. In the same series appears "The Celebrity," the am sing book that first attraced notice to Mr. Winston Churchill.

A little took of Japanese phrases. "Japanese for Daily Use." by E. P. Prentys and Kametaro Sasamoto, is published by Willieto R. Jenkins. We observe that the Japanese sentences are much longer than the English and fancy that a novice might te assisted by some hint about the meaning of the individual words

The rather artitrary selection of books in "How to Read and What to Read." by Mr. Sherwin Cody (the Old Greek Press. Chicago), would be more acceptable if the author's competence were tetter known. The reader will not be inclined in his favor by the rather flippant introductory essays or by the fact that his lists lead up to recommendations to read volumes of selections that he has compiled. The book seems to be designed for those who have no time to read and may satisfy such persons. The lists are commonplace enough, but those who read all the tooks in them will have read much that is good and comparatively little that is trash.

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"in Response." William E. Raymond. (Bu.b. lished by the author.) lished by the author.)
"The Apple of Discord, or Temporal Power in
the Catholic Church." (The Apple of Discord
Company, Buffalo.)
"Metapsychical Phenomena." J. Maxwell. (Duck-

worth & Co.; G. P. Putnam's Sons.)
"Chinese Life in Town and Country." Emile Bard. (G. P. Putnam's Son s.) "Legislation Against Speculation and Gambling in the Forms of Trade." T. Henry Dewey. (Baker, Voorbis & Co., New York.)

"A Little Garden Calendar for Boys and Girls." Albert Bigelow Paine. (Henry Altemus Com pany. Philadelphia.)
"Millions of Mischlef." Headon Hill. (The Saalfield Publishing Company.)
"Will Warburton." George Glasing. (E. P.

& Co. E. P. Dutton & Co.) "The Book of the Spiritual Life." Lady Dilke.
(E. P. Dutton & Co.)
"Foolish Finance." Gideon Wurdz. (John W.

"Schubert." Edmondstoune Duncan. (J. M. Dent

"The Russian Jew in the United States." Charles
Bernheimer, Ph. D. (The John C. Winston Company, Philadelphia.)
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"The Book of Garden Desiza." Charles Thonger (John Lane, The Bodley Head.)

"The Thistles of Mount Cedar." Ursula Tannenforst. (The John C. Winston Company, Philaforst. (The John C. delphia.)
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"The Little Hills." Nancy Huston Banks. (Macmilians.)
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